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FM AMEMBASSY KUALA LUMPUR

TO SECSTATE WASHDC NIACT IMMEDIATE 4386

AMEMBASSY JAKARTA NIACT IMMEDIATE

AMEMBASSY SINGAPORE NIACT IMMEDIATE

USMISSION GENEVA NIACT IMMEDIATE

INFO AMEMBASSY BANGKOK

UNCLAS KUALA LUMPUR 4930

E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: SREF MY ID

SUBJ: INDOCHINESE REFUGEE BOAT CASES: "CHOU LONG" AND BOAT OF 95

REF: A. JAKARTA 11302 (NOTAL)

B. KUALA LUMPUR 4928

C. STATE 213349

1. UPON RECEIPT OF REF A WE IMMEDIATELY CONTACTED MISS FRASER OF LOCAL UNHCR OFFICE AND CONVEYED DETAILS OF SINKING OF REFUGEE BOAT "CHOU-LONG" AND RESCUE BY AUSTRALIAN REGISTRY AGIP SUPPLY SHIP "LADY CYNTHIA" WHICH NOW HEADING FOR SINGAPORE. SHE PROMISED CONVEY INFORMATION TO UNHCR REP SAMPATKUMAR WHO SHE BELIEVES WILL BE IN TOUCH WITH HER THIS MORNING (AUG 29) BUT WHOSE CURRENT WHEREABOUTS UNKNOWN. MEANWHILE SHE IS TRYING TO ESTABLISH CONTACT WITH AUSTRALIAN HIGH COMMISSION HERE.

2. MFA HAS INFORMED US THAT MALAYSIAN NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL HAS ISSUED DIRECTIVE ORDERING REFUGEE BOAT OF 95 THAT ARRIVED AT KUALA TRENGGANU JULY 25 AND CURRENTLY AT KUALA KEMAMAN TO BE TAKEN TO SEA SOMETIME ON MONDAY AUG 30. (TOTAL ABOARD NOW CITED AS EITHER 94 OR 93). EFFORTS TO SEEK AT LEAST POSTPONEMENT THIS ACTION UNSUCCESSFUL AND EMBASSY SENDING OFFICER TO EAST COAST MORNING AUG 29 TO CONDUCT INTERVIEWS, IDEALLY OF ALL ABOARD, IN UNCLASSIFIED

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ADDITION TO TWO FAMILIES WITH KNOWN TIES WITH US. MFA INDICATES

NSC NOT RPT NOT INCLINED WITHDRAW DIRECTIVE TO EXPELL THIS  
GROUP OF REFUGEES. MISS FRASER ALSO WILL BRIEF SAMPATKUMAR ON  
THIS SUPRISE DEVELOPMENT.

3. FOR GENEVA: PLEASE CONVEY FOREGOING TO UNHCR ASAP.

4. ON BRIGHTER SIDE, 73 REFUGEES APPROVED UNDER EPP DEPARTED  
MORNING AUG 29 VIA THA A INTERNATIONAL FLIGHT TO BANGKOK TO CONNECT  
WITH FLIGHT TO US.  
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